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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Mark your calendars: Our next community Shred-It event will be April 19th
- \* Want to get rid of your old medications? Check page 2 for Rx Safe, Smart & Secure

Jim Murphy, President and CEO of the Pima Council on Aging, is getting ready to step down from his post. He's been active in that organization in different capacities for nearly fifteen years. He's also been a leader in this community for well over a generation, serving in elective office and active on issues ranging from domestic violence to literacy to health care. He's a Tucson treasure.

Don't call what he's doing a "retirement." He's using the word "transition." I don't know what his next role in our community will be, but it will be hard to keep him from staying active. And, really, who'd want to?

Even though the calls slowed down here at the Ward 2 office over the last few weeks, my staff and I are still working hard on supporting businesses in Tucson. ABCO Solar has been in business since 2007, installing solar electric in homes and businesses in our community. I worked with ABCO's Charlie O'Dowd to build a relationship with a California

company that finances solar projects. It's a deal that's good for Charlie, ABCO and our environment.

Friday, Ward 2 will welcome Lts. Eric Johnson and John Buckley to our office. Lts. Johnson and Buckley have been transferred to the staff of Captain Carla Johnson, who heads up police operations on the east side. The two of them replace Lts. Decio Hopffer and Matt Ronstadt who have moved on to other assignments within the police department. Thank you both for your service to East Side residents.

By the way, the latest statistics show that violent crime is down in our community by 10%. The biggest reduction is in robbery, which is down by 19%. My staff and I hope to learn a bit more from Lts. Johnson and Buckley about how we can keep this trend going, and what our neighborhoods can do to decrease graffiti.

One last note: last week I talked about my friend Gabe Zimmerman who



passed away three years ago this week in the shooting that wounded Congresswoman Giffords. State Representative Andrea Dalessandro was kind enough to send me some photos of back of the sign on the Gabe Zimmerman trailhead near Cienega Creek. It's a fitting tribute to Gabe, and I hope our community can find a way to do something like this for all the victims.

Have a great weekend.



## BEAT BACK BUFFELGRASS

Tucson Clean & Beautiful, in partnership with the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center and other local jurisdictions and community organizations, is sponsoring the 7th Annual Beat Back Buffelgrass Day. On Saturday, January 25, 2014 there will be multiple, hosted buffelgrass removal events across Pima County. Our volunteers will actively work to restore public spaces by digging up and disposing of this invasive, highly flammable plant.

In advance of this event, a buffelgrass identification and removal demonstration will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

For more information and registration, visit [www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org).

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## COOKING OIL AND GREASE RECYCLING

Pima County Wastewater reminds you not to pour grease down the drain. It could clog your pipes, force costly repairs and cause sewers to back up into your home. Also, cockroaches love grease.

Instead of feeding the roaches, they recommend you pour grease into a sealed container and dispose of it in the trash. You can also drop off grease for recycling to the following locations:

Originate Natural Building Materials: 526 N Ninth Ave, Tues.—Fri. 12 pm—6 pm, Saturday 12 pm—4pm

EDG Fuels: 8939 S Eisenhower Rd, Mon.—Fri. 7 am—4 pm

Mary's Market: 1555 S 10th Ave, Mon.—Fri. 6 am—1pm



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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a “mobile” event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw) or call 888-6947

**IMPORTANT:** Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

*1st Saturday:* Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

*2nd Saturday:* February: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway

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## RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATES

Have you installed rainwater-harvesting systems at your home? Do you plan to? Tucson Water's rebate program can help make it affordable. The rebate will cover the full cost of a system, up to \$300, or 50% of the cost, up to \$2,000, for qualifying rainwater-harvesting projects installed after September 27, 2011. One requirement of the rebate program is to attend a three-hour educational session such as this one. Watershed Management Group offers this session, free of charge, as a service to the community. The class will be offered on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 from 2:00–5:00 pm at the Ward 3 City Council Office, 1510 E Grant Rd.

Pre-registration is required. To register, go to <http://watershedmg.org/civicism/event/register?reset=1&id=312>. For more information about the rebate classes, visit Watershed Management Group's website: <http://watershedmg.org/rebate>.

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## AFTER SCHOOL MEALS

A new after-school free meal program begins at Freedom Center. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under at the Freedom Center through May 2014. The program is sponsored by the USDA Child and Adult Care Food program (CACFP).

A program enrollment form is to be completed to enroll in the program, and the form can be obtained from the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. For more information about the meal program contact Anne Krepps, Child Nutrition Programs Manager at [akrepps@communityfoodbank.org](mailto:akrepps@communityfoodbank.org) or call 882-3285.




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## GRAFFITI

In an ongoing effort to combat the public nuisance of graffiti in our city and neighborhoods, TEP has launched a new tool to assist our customers in reporting graffiti on TEP equipment throughout our service territory. At [tep.com](http://tep.com), a link has been provided to allow customers to report graffiti in an efficient way by providing the location of the graffiti, nearest cross streets and a picture (if available) of the tagged equipment. Providing a picture greatly enhances the ability to respond quickly with the appropriate materials for safe and proper removal of the graffiti. Once a notice is received, the information goes directly to TEP staff dedicated to abating graffiti.

While TEP will continue to rely on the City for notifying TPD of the graffiti reported to us through the City Transportation Department, they are working to determine an efficient police reporting process for graffiti reports they receive directly through our website.

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## PARKS INFORMATION

**30TH ANNUAL SENIOR OLYMPIC FESTIVAL REGISTRATION:** Registration for the 30th Annual Senior Olympic Festival is now open and through December 31, 2013. The event will take place January 14-February 2, 2014, and at various venues throughout the City. Some of the events include; volleyball, cycling, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickle ball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton and more. Registration can be done at [www.EZEereg.com](http://www.EZEereg.com) For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit [www.TucsonSeniorGames.org](http://www.TucsonSeniorGames.org) or contact 791-3244.

**UDALL POOL CLOSURE:** The Udall pool is closed until March 31 for the winter season. The pool will re-open April 1, 2014. For additional questions, please contact 791-4245.

**2014 PROGRAM GUIDE AND CLASS CATALOG:** The 2014 Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published. The catalog can be picked up at any City recreation facility and it can also be viewed online at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Spring classes run January 5-May 10, 2014.

**FOLLOW PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/TucsonParksandRecreation)

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## TREECYCLE

The TreeCycle program begins December 26 and ends January 12. The program is a way for Tucson residents to recycle their Christmas trees.

Remember that you can bring your own container to bring home woodchips that can be used in your garden. Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites. The city will not collect trees from alleys and sites cannot accept other green waste

Eastside TreeCycle locations are:

- Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd (South of ball fields)
- Golf Links Sports Park, Golf Links and Craycroft
- Los Reales Landfill, 5300 E Los Reales Rd
- Purple Heart Park, Southeast corner of Rita Rd and Esmond Loop

For more information call 791-5000 or go to <http://www.domoreblue.com>

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## RX SAFE, SMART & SECURE

Amistades Inc., 4R Communities Alliance, Luz Southside Coalition and the Community Prevention Coalition of Pima County have teamed up with the Tucson Police Department to offer a safe way to dispose of your expired drugs.

A drop off service is being offered at five Tucson Police Department substations:

- Southside Santa Cruz Substation, 4410 S. Park Ave, at East Fair Street
  - Westside Police Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile near North Flowing Wells Road
  - Midtown Substation, 1100 S. Alvernon Way at East 22nd Street
  - Downtown Main Station, 270 S. Stone Ave. near West Cushing Street
  - Eastside Rincon Substation, 9670 E. Golf Links Road near South Harrison Road.
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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. Note that the meeting is scheduled for a Wednesday rather than the usual Tuesday. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

